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CZAR DECIDES TO SEEK PEACE

Intimated in French Official Circles That Steps Have Been Taken.

BANKERS WILLING TO MAKE LOAN NOW

Russia Likely to Deal Directly With Tokio Through French Minister There—Situation in Manchuria Shows No Improvement—People Leaving Harbin.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Mar. 24.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent sends an unconfirmed report that Japanese torpedo boats have succeeded in damaging Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's battleships Sissovelky and Navarin.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, March 24.—The prospects of peace between Japan and Russia assumed a more definite and almost a tangible aspect to-day as the result of the announcement of the resumption of negotiations for a Russian loan. The postponement of the loan occurred through the stand taken by the financial element against proceeding while the uncertainties of war continued, and a willingness to resume negotiations was construed as meaning that their strong influence finally has prevailed with the authorities at St. Petersburg. It seems to be the general view of financiers that the loan will not be applied to the further continuance of the war.

It is understood that one of the inducements to a resumption of the negotiations was that a considerable portion of the proceeds shall remain in France for the purpose of meeting the interest coupon of other loans, and that the placing of contracts for government supplies will be required even after the conclusion of hostilities.

LEAVING HARBIN.

Kuroki Makes Move in Direction of Vladivostok—Plans of Russians.

(By Associated Press.)
GUNSHU PASS, MANCHUKIA, March 24.—The women and children reported to be leaving Harbin and the business houses are closing. The stationery hospitals are being moved back, and the entire railroad east and south of Taitshar is being prepared for the next stage of the war.

The conviction exists that General Kuroki is now directing toward the northward for the investment of Vladivostok, changing his base for that purpose to Gensan.

RUSSIANS OUTFLANKED.

Have No Intention of Making Serious Stand—Rear Guard Fighting Doggedly.

(By Associated Press.)
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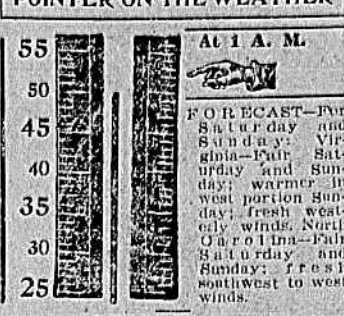
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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
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POINTER ON THE WEATHER



CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.
Richmond's weather yesterday was moderate, but the first thunderstorm of the year came in the evening. Range of the thermometer, 25 to 55. Wind, S. by E. 12 to 15. Rain, 0.10 inch. Average, 55.3.

Highest temperature yesterday, 55.
Lowest temperature yesterday, 25.
Normal temperature yesterday, 51.
Normal temperature for March, 52.
Departure from normal temperature, 3.
Precipitation during past 24 hours, 0.10.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

March 25, 1905.

Sun rises, 6:08. High tide, 7:52.
Moon sets, 11:51. Morning, 7:52.
Moon rises, 11:51. Evening, 8:27.

CHARGE AGAINST REV. JNO. O. KNOTT

Alleged That He Received Discount on Church Material Bought.

WILL BE PLACED ON TRIAL

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILMINGTON, Va., March 24.—Grave charges affecting the moral character of Rev. John O. Knott, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Lexington, Va., were filed at today's session of the Baltimore conference. Mr. Knott is accused by the congregation of the Salem, Va. church, of which he was a former pastor, of having withheld information concerning the cost of church windows and of falsehood. According to the bill of charges and specifications filed in conference to-day, the amount of money involved in the alleged irregular transaction is about \$50. The church at Salem was built during the pastorate of Mr. Knott, and a difficulty arose over the contract for the window frames.

Received Discount.

A Washington, D. C. firm quoted prices to Mr. Knott, said to have been "cost price" while the agent of a firm at Staunton, Va., and several other firms quoted "list prices."

Laid on the Shelf.

Thirty-one ministers were placed on the superannuated list of the conference, and the following were called before the bar of conference and admitted to full connections in the ministry: Revs. G. H. Fielding, C. H. Hester, B. B. White, Edward Barber, Homer Welch, Thomas C. Jones, Harry B. Baker, J. H. Bean and J. M. Kline.

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FRANCIS IN JAIL, OTHERS WANTED

Law Reaching After the Leaders of "Get-Rich-Quick" Scheme.

THOUSANDS CAUGHT BY LURID PROMISES

Exposure Made by Philadelphia Newspaper and Promoters Promptly Disappear—A Warrant Issued for the Arrest of Lattimer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 24.—Arthur Stanley Francis, alias Arthur S. Foster, alias Stanley Francis, the nominal head of the alleged Foster fraud, which preceded the Storey cotton swindle, spent to-night in Moyamensing prison. He was arrested a few minutes after 9 o'clock this evening and at a hearing in the office of United States Commissioner Craig, in the postoffice building, was held in default of \$100,000 bail.

One of Leading Spirits.

The postal authorities charge that Francis is one of the leading figures in the Storey Cotton Company and the Provident Investment Company, which are alleged to be "get-rich-quick" concerns. Both companies have gone into the hands of receivers and most of the men who were actively identified with the management of the concerns have disappeared. The statement did an extensive business in all parts of the United States, in Canada and Europe. Hundreds of creditors have visited the offices of the companies in this city, but could get neither the money they invested nor any promises of return.

Trust Company Officers Resign.

Francis was arrested in the office of Francis & Co., with which firm he is connected. Only enough evidence was produced before the commissioner to make out a prima facie case. The exposure of the Storey Cotton Company was made by a Philadelphia newspaper, which connects Francis with numerous other companies.

Train on Burning Bridge.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, TEXAS, March 24.—A north-bound Frisco passenger train, which left here two hours late, encountered a burned bridge this afternoon near Achard City. The engine and two sleepers were derailed, and the smoker derailed. One person was fatally injured, dying later, and several other passengers received slight injuries.

Earthquake in Mexico.

(By Associated Press.)
SALT ILLO, MEXICO, March 24.—Salt Illo experienced this afternoon two distinct earthquake shocks of about five seconds' duration each. No damage was done to property.

Spencer Advanced.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SPENCER, N. C., March 24.—The Spencer office has been advanced, from a third to a second-class office. The postmaster has been instructed to put on sale international money orders, beginning with April 1st. The Spencer Postoffice made a net increase of 20 per cent. during 1904.

SUDDEN DEATH OF THE WIDOW OF DR. PARKER

Seized With Sudden Illness During Storm and Expired in Few Moments.

Mrs. Ellen J. Parker, widow of Dr. W. W. Parker, died suddenly at her home on Chestnut Hill, last night about 8 o'clock. Mrs. Parker lived with her son, Stafford, on Chestnut Hill. Yesterday she was calling on her daughter, Mrs. Henson, wife of Dr. Henson, in Richmond, and left for her home about the time the thunder storm came up. The lady was compelled to walk several squares, after getting off the car, and when she reached home she was exhausted and prostrated. Her condition looked serious to her son, who, at once sent for Dr. and Mrs. Henson. Before they could reach her side, however, she had passed away from heart failure. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

HARD LUCK FOR CRACK HUNTERS

Servants Bag the Fox When Masters Had All Abandoned Chase.

TWO PROUD DARKEYS BRING IN THE BRUSH

Representatives of Twelve Packs Meet to Organize All the Fox Hunting Clubs in Virginia and North Carolina. Old-Fashioned Fox Hunting.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)
THE MECKLENBURG, CHASE CITY, VA., March 24.—One fox after nine hours' honest hunting was the best that the combined pack of Mecklenburg, Henderson, Buffalo Junction, Boynton, Townsend, Chase City and a half dozen other packs could do to-day.

At 5 o'clock this morning the sound of the horn caused the sleepy ones to scramble hastily into their riding clothes and hurry down to their breakfast. By 6 o'clock the hounds had been unkenneled and the faithful fifty were in the saddle. Colonel Hughes, Mr. F. H. for the Mecklenburg Hunt, acted as chief huntsman for the day, assisted by Mr. Overby, of Boynton; Mr. Jackson, of Norfolk; Judge Allen, of Danville; Mr. Hunt, of Townsville, N. C.; Mr. Baptist, of Buffalo Lathia Springs; and Mr. Cooper, of Henderson.

The Finneywood country was chosen for the day's hunting. Hounds and horses went quickly away on their seven miles jog to cover. Five ladies honored the day's meet—Mrs. Moody, of Chesterfield; Miss Morris, from Raleigh; Miss Edna Wood, of Clarksville, and Misses Annie and Gladys Roberts, of Chase City.

Jump a Peet.

Hounds were thrown in near the Gregory woods, and found within the first ten minutes. There followed fifteen minutes of as sweet music and as pleasant performance as could be desired. The early days of the service of Mr. Apizpro here, this fact proved of keen embarrassment to himself and the Austrian representative.

STRONG FEATURES

OF THE

SUNDAY TIMES-DISPATCH.

HERALD CABLES,
Covering news and gossip of all the foreign capitals.

BACKBONE OF STEEL.

Forecast of day when we may go from Boston to Buenos Ayres by rail.

STORY OF LITTLE PAUL.

Sixth of the thrilling tales from Dickens, by Hallie Erminie Rives.

THE MEN WHO TOLL.

Articles by Hollis Field, Elwood Hamilton, Dr. Fordyce and Paul Manly.

END AT APPOMATTOX.

One of several interesting features of Confederate page.

SERMON BY WAGNER.

First of a series of contributions by author of "The Simple Life."

APRIL FOOL'S COMICS.

Work of Simmerton and Oppen more amusing than usual.

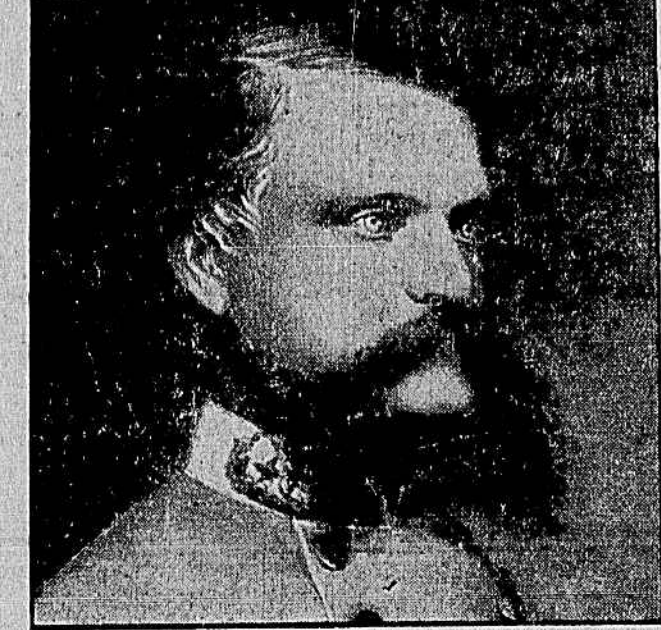
ALL BEST FEATURES.

Woman's Page, Children's Page, Carpenter's Letter and many others.

ALL THE NEWS OF ALL THE WORLD!

220 WANTHELP TO-DAY.

The 220 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:
202 Trades, 6 Miscellaneous,
8 Agents, 2 Domestic,
2 Salesmen.



GENERAL JOHN C. BRECKENRIDGE.
Reproduction of a Photograph of the Portrait Presented to Lee Camp Last Night.

MINISTER FROM MEXICO IS DEAD

Senor De Aspiraz, Country's First Ambassador U. S. Passes Away in Washington.

EXPOSURE CAUSED RELAPSE

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Senor Don Manuel De Aspiraz, Mexico's first ambassador to the United States, died this afternoon at the Mexican embassy, surrounded by the members of his family. Although a sick man since last fall, the ambassador's death was due to a relapse caused by exposure on inauguration day. Against the advice of his physicians, Mr. Aspiraz left his sick room on March 4th last and attended the inaugural ceremonies at the Capitol, where he came near fainting.

Born at Puebla, Mexico, June 9, 1833, Senor De Aspiraz studied law, but left his law office to enter the Mexican army. He rendered gallant service in the uprising of his country against the French intervention and was appointed prosecuting attorney in the court-martial of Maximilian. In May, 1890, he became assistant secretary of foreign relations in the Cabinet of President Diaz and held that position until his appointment as ambassador to the United States.

The imperial house of Austria has always taken the position that Senor Aspiraz, through his connection with the court-martial of Maximilian, was in part responsible for the latter's execution, and during the early days of the service of Mr. Aspiraz here, this fact proved of keen embarrassment to himself and the Austrian representative.

Finally, however, it was arranged that when brought together at official functions, the two diplomats should exchange formal greetings. This, however, was not an unembarrassing incident, had occurred at the White House during the administration of President McKinley, when the Mexican ambassador was assigned to escort to the dining-room the wife of the Austrian ambassador, and the latter felt compelled to decline.

Messages of condolence have been sent to the Mexican government by President Roosevelt and Acting Secretary of State Adee.

WISCONSIN TO RETURN ALABAMA BATTLE FLAG

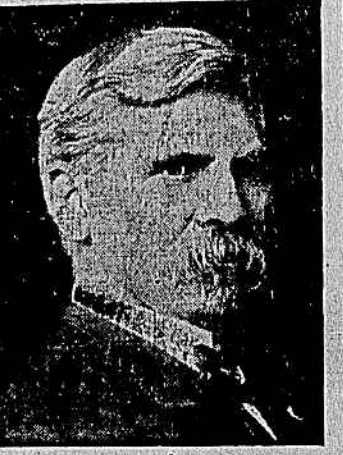
(By Associated Press.)
MADISON, WIS., March 24.—A joint resolution to return to the State of Alabama the flag of the First Alabama Regiment was passed to-day by the Wisconsin Senate. The flag was captured by the Fifteenth Wisconsin Regiment at Island No. 10, April 7, 1862, and the Governor of Alabama requested that it be returned.

MAIL CARRIER HELD AND TIED TO A TREE

Found at Night in Great Suffering From the Ordeal.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 24.—The mail carrier on the star route from Denniston Junction and Bethel Hill, Halifax county, was held up on a lonely road yesterday morning. The man was riding along in the woods when he was ordered by two white men to stop. He was taken from his horse, bound and gagged and carried into the woods, where he was bound to a tree. The highwaymen then cut the small pouch open and carried off everything that appeared to be valuable. Accomplishing this, they disappeared, leaving the carrier securely bound.

When the carrier did not arrive at Bethel Hill on time an effort was made to ascertain the cause of his delay. Last night the carrier was found in the woods where the robbers left him, suffering terribly from the ordeal through which he had passed.



COL. BENNETT H. YOUNG.

LEE CAMP GETS FINE PORTRAIT

Colonel Young, of Kentucky, Gives Picture of Gen. John O. Breckenridge to Camp.

MAKES BRILLIANT SPEECH

R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, C. V., last night received a splendid portrait of General John C. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one. The picture of the brilliant Confederate leader was the personal gift of Colonel Bennett H. Young, of Louisville, Ky., major general of the Kentucky Division of U. C. V., and president of the Kentucky Confederate Home. The presentation speech was made by Colonel Young, and the picture was received in a most happy manner by Rev. Dr. J. William Jones. One of the events of the evening was the singing of "My Old Kentucky Home" by Miss Ewell, of Norfolk, a grand niece of General Ewell.

Eloquent Address.

His remarks were in part as follows: "To most of us Kentuckians a return to Virginia is a homecoming. To me the name ever arouses the noblest and purest emotions. As the Mohammedan is ever turning his face Mecca-ward and exclaiming, 'Allah is great,' so my heart is always delighted to face Virginia-ward and review its glorious history and the superb achievements of her people. 'Along its mountain sides, down its

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FISHER INDICTED FOR GRAND LARCENY

Charged on Four Counts With Having Obtained \$7,500 Under False Pretenses.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 24.—George E. Fisher, the southern cotton millionaire, was indicted by the grand jury to-day on four counts for grand larceny, in having obtained \$7,500 under false pretenses. He was released in \$5,000 bail for trial in general sessions. Before the indictment was found, Fisher's attorneys secured a writ of habeas corpus, which is returnable next Monday before Judge McColl in the Supreme Court. The indictment is the outgrowth of underwriting agreements entered into by various wealthy cotton men, who were interested in the defunct Southern Textile Company. In an effort to finance that company, a note for \$5,000 was given to E. C. Langdon, a banker, and was later protested for non-payment. Fisher represented to his partners that he had paid the note and on his statement to that effect, these gentlemen paid \$7,500 to Fisher, this being the amount of their liability.

GREAT AUDIENCE HEARS ALDERMAN

Hundreds Braved the Storm and Were Well Repaid.

ELOQUENT APPEAL STIRS THE PEOPLE

Speaker Given Closest Attention and Is Frequently Applauded. Very Happy in Pressing Needs of Virginia and the South—Makes Good Impression.

A brilliant audience heard a magnificent appeal for education by Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, at the Academy of Music last night. Whether it was a tribute to the reputation of Dr. Alderman or a demonstration of popular interest in the forthcoming campaign for more general education in the State, or whether both contributed to the result, the great audience that listened to the distinguished speaker was a tribute worthy of both. The Richmond Education Association, which has done much to arouse interest in a momentous, though long neglected, issue, was chiefly responsible for the great gathering. It was by invitation and under the auspices of that organization that Dr. Alderman spoke here, and the influence of the association did much to bring out the splendid gathering which braved a pouring rain. The crowd filled the Academy, auditorium and balcony and overflowed into the gallery.

On the stage at the meeting were Judge George L. Christian, who presided; Colonel Archer Anderson, who presented the speaker; Hon. J. Taylor Blyson, Major J. H. Capers, Dr. M. D. Hoge, Mr. Julian P. Thomas, Hon. Carlton McCarthy, Mr. John L. McHenry, Mr. P. Frank Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, Rear Admiral Harrie Webster, Dr. George Ben Johnston, Major William A. Anderson, Rev. William Meade Clark, Mr. B. B. Valentine, Dr. Joseph W. Southall, superintendent of public instruction; Messrs. A. H. Hill, John P. McQuinn, Dr. W. W. Christian, W. S. Copeland, Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., Dr. C. Palmer, Mr. W. W. Archer, Hon. Henry C. Stuart, Mr. James R. Gordon, Colonel George Wayne Anderson, Mr. Lewis C. Williams, Colonel Benjamin Cameron, Colonel W. O. Skelton, Mr. Robert Munford, Mr. W. W. Christian, Hon. James Alston Cabell, Mr. Charles Hutcheson, Mr. E. G. Leigh, Jr., Mr. John M. Higgins, Dr. S. C. Mitchell, Messrs. Milton E. Marcuse, Mr. Hunsdon Cary, John Stewart Bryan, Dr. Robert Frazer, Dr. W. L. Foushee, Messrs. J. C. Harwood, R. H. Chatham, Mr. P. F. Reams, and Mr. John P. Kennedy.

The Speaker Presented.

The boxes were filled with ladies prominently identified with the educational movement, and the entire audience was one which in point of culture is seldom exceeded. If equaled. That the audience was interested in the theme and by the speaker's presentation of it was attested by the fact that the speaker spoke for twenty minutes during which Dr. Alderman spoke. Frequent applause expressed enthusiasm and endorsement of the speaker's sentiments.

The large crowd was ushered to seats by students of the Richmond High School, who volunteered for the service. Judge Christian made a brief introductory address, presenting Colonel Archer Anderson, who introduced the speaker of the evening. Colonel Anderson paid a handsome tribute to Dr. Alderman and referred to the signal good fortune of the University in the selection of the first president of the institution.

Dr. Alderman made grateful and graceful acknowledgment of the handsome introduction, referred happily to his new citizenship in Virginia, to his native State, North Carolina, and to the ancient friendship of the two sister Commonwealths. He then turned to the education of Virginia and its great work, and took occasion to impress upon his hearers the friendliness, rather than the hostility of the State, declaring that they were bound together in a noble endeavor and that though they may be rivals in arms, they are always and should be friendly rivals. He likened two colleges or universities to two light houses rendering service at different points.

Education, said the speaker, is one whole thing; it is a great unified compact force to make men for society. Jefferson had first recognized education as a great influence upon national character, and Virginia had set the pace for the thinking of this country. If education is a good thing for your child, why is it not a good thing for your neighbor's child, and finally for all children, asked Dr. Alderman. There was no possible division between culture and character. A breeding of both will give beauty and character.

Provide Training for All.

The greatest task for a democracy is to provide training for all its components. Speaking of the movement now being undertaken to give the country boy better educational opportunities, the speaker characterized him as the salt and savor of the country. Virginia and the South have committed themselves by their constitutions and provisions for suffrage to the policy of universal education. Speaking of education in general, Dr. Alderman declared that the measure of a community's progress was the measure of its education. This was not always the case. With the exceptions of Wordsworth, there was little in literature about children, and this country was a sacred right of children, not a philanthropy. Taxation, by means of which education is possible, is the tribute man pays to his civilization. The savage pays no tax.